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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **SHANNON et al.**

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Application No.: **Unknown**

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For: **RADIALLY EXPANDABLE TAPE-REINFORCED
VASCULAR GRAFTS (As Amended)**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please make the following changes.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title to read:

-- **RADIALLY EXPANDABLE TAPE-REINFORCED VASCULAR GRAFTS --**

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On page 1, after the title, please add the following section:

-- Related Applications

The present application is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 09/201,953, filed December 1, 1998, entitled Process of Manufacturing a